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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL BIOGRAPHY

*To the President and Members of the Pennsylvania Bar Association:*

GENTLEMEN:—No passing year is without its own special events that mark it distinctively from its predecessors. The ordinary happenings, year by year, are the expected and not unusual experiences that follow in the history of similar organizations, embracing as large a membership and taking in as wide a circle as an entire State. But there are some relations that we sustain to the profession outside the State, and specially in our relation to the Federal Bench, which demand our attention. In that respect we note, as do the Bar Associations of our sister States, the loss since our last meeting, of the head of the

### UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

in the death of Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller, who occupied that position longer than any of his predecessors excepting Marshall and Taney. They served, in the order of their naming, thirty-two (32) years and twenty-eight (28) years respectively, and he served twenty-two (22) years. And while no great constructive work like that of Marshall, or reconstructive, as that which fell to the lot of Chase and Waite, came within his period of service, yet no greater economic interests in the magnitude of their financial and business importance were passed upon by his predecessors than those that came before his Court during his term. The personnel of the entire Court, with the exception of Mr. Justice Harlan, was changed while he was presiding, so that the late Chief Justice saw all the members of the Court that were on the Bench when he came upon it, pass off by death or resignation during his term of service. He was born February 11, 1833, and died July 4, 1910. His

successor, Mr. Chief Justice Edward Douglass White, was appointed Associate Justice of that Court in 1894, and is the first Associate Justice appointed to the Chief Justiceship in its history. The Court as now constituted consists of Chief Justice White and Associate Justices Harlan, McKenna, Holmes, Day, Lurton, Hughes, Lamar and Van Devanter.

#### COMMERCE COURT

Under the amendment of the Interstate Commerce Act, June 18, 1910, creating the new Commerce Court, consisting of five additional Circuit Judges, one of the members of our Association, Hon. Robert W. Archbald, has been appointed to that Bench. In 1901 he was appointed to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and on December 12, 1910, was nominated additional Circuit Judge and assigned to duty in the new Commerce Court. He was sworn into office February 1, 1911.

#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

The vacancy in the Federal District Judgeship for the Middle District of Pennsylvania was filled by the appointment of Hon. C. B. Witmer, of the Bar of Sunbury.

#### STATE JUDICIARY

In the record of deaths among the members of our profession in Pennsylvania appear the names of Ex-Judges Biddle, of Philadelphia, Halsey and Lynch, of Luzerne, and Krebs, and Gordon, of Clearfield, Miley, of Lebanon, and Love, of Centre, all of whom had rendered acceptable service upon the Bench. Judge Biddle's services covered nearly the third of a century. He was appointed by Governor Hartranft to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Judge Paxson to the Supreme Court in 1874, and served until his resignation in 1908.

## HISTORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BAR

This year we record the names of seventy (70) members of our profession throughout the State that have died since our last annual meeting. Endeavoring, as we do, to keep a record of all deaths of our professional brethren in each judicial district, irrespective of their membership in our Association, notices and requests are sent out twice each year to all the members of our Committee, and the responses received from them furnish us with data for our report. Fortunately, a number of the districts reported "no deaths during the year." Among those we have had to record are some whose names and services were conspicuous for a number of years as able and worthy representatives of the Bar. The limitations of our report do not permit us, though often tempted, to comment upon the fine equipment as well as attainment of many of our deceased brethren, yet we sometimes feel that, as a profession, we are in danger of lessening that respect and regard for its required standing, by not emphasizing more than we do, and reporting at greater length the fine results of the persistent intellectual training so faithfully and consistently carried out through a successful and diligent professional career.

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The membership of the Committee comprises a representation from every judicial district (fifty-six) within the State. By their prompt attention much valuable data of an historical character can be secured for the benefit of the Association. From one district a number of biographical sketches have been furnished of former members of the profession of that district; and while our reports are ordinarily confined to the current year from one annual meeting to another, the death of *John C. Love* (May, 1910) is mentioned in the present report, as a very full and interesting

sketch of his life at the Bar and upon the Bench has been furnished us from the Forty-ninth Judicial District by Judge Beaver of the Superior Court (who has sent in a number of biographies of the Bar of that district) and is filed among the records of our Centre County collection.

#### COURT BUILDINGS

There have been donated to the Association photographs of the court buildings of the following counties:

Luzerne, by S. J. Strauss, Esq.

Lackawanna, by S. J. Strauss, Esq.

Northampton, by Hon. Russell C. Stewart.

Westmoreland, by Hon. Lucien W. Doty.

A short History of the Judiciary of Franklin County was presented by Hon. W. Rush Gillan.

We have now pictures of forty-one (41) of the sixty-seven (67) county court buildings of the State, and by very little effort on the part of the members this valuable and unique collection could be completed.

#### REQUEST FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At the midwinter meeting of the Executive Committee of our Association, held in Pittsburgh, December 29, 1910, there was referred to the Chairmen and Secretaries of the Committees on Legal Education and Legal Biography, a communication from the Librarian of the Law Association of Philadelphia, asking the co-operation of this Association in keeping up to date the Rules of Court of the various counties in Pennsylvania on file in the law library in the City Hall; these to be for the use and convenience of the Bar of the entire State.

After due consideration and consultation, the persons to whom said communication was referred respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Legal Education be requested to furnish yearly at the time of our annual meeting, to the Law Association of Philadelphia, to be placed in its library for the use and convenience of the Bar of the State, the additions and amendments made during the preceding year to the Rules of Court of those counties of the State whose Rules are on file in said library; and also, upon request, to perform a similar service for the proper library in each of the other cities where the Appellate Courts, or either of them, sit to hear arguments.

#### APPROPRIATION

At our meeting a year ago an appropriation not to exceed seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) was made for the year. Commencing the year with the balance from last year of .....	\$13.08
together with interest of .....	4.06
and the receipt of .....	600.00
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during the year, amounting in all to .....	\$617.14
your Committee reports expenditures of .....	614.92
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leaving a balance of .....	\$2.22
and asks for an appropriation for the coming year of a sum not exceeding .....	\$750.00

The room of our historical collection in the Law School Building of the University of Pennsylvania has been kept open during the winter months by Mr. Nelson P. Fegley, a law student recommended by the Dean of the Law Department. As the University of Pennsylvania has extended the same privileges to the Association as heretofore, your Committee recommends the following acknowledgment of their continued kindness:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Pennsylvania Bar Association are hereby extended to the Provost and Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, and to the Dean and Faculty of the Law Department, for the courtesy extended the Committee on Legal Biography in giving the use of a room for its historical collection.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD W. BIDDLE,

T. ELLIOTT PATTERSON,

*Chairman.*

*Secretary.*



## HISTORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS

ARRANGED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, WITH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT AND COUNTY IN PARENTHESIS

**Anderson, William C.** (5th J. D., Allegheny), born 1850; died November 25, 1910. Admitted to the Bar July 15, 1876.

Mr. Anderson graduated from Lafayette College and the Yale Law School. He was the author of "Rules of the Court of Pennsylvania," and his "Law Dictionary" is used as a standard work throughout the United States.

**Andre, John K.** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born 1849; died June 10, 1911. Admitted to the Bar February 2, 1878.

Educated at the Millersville State Normal School. Mr. Andre was associated in the practice of the law for many years with Senator Henry F. Walton. He was a member of the State Bar Association.

**Arundel, Robert J.** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born 1839; died April 28, 1911. Admitted to the Bar December 1, 1862.

**Ashhurst, Richard Lewis** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born February 5, 1838; died February , 1911. Admitted to the Bar June 8, 1859.

He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1856 with the highest honors. He read law with William M. Meredith.

"Shortly after the breaking out of the Civil War, Mr. Ashhurst took an active part in raising and organizing the 150th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, and he went into the service as its adjutant. He served with distinction in many of the battles fought by the Army of the Potomac, to which his regiment was attached, and he was brevetted

major for distinguished gallantry at the battle of Gettysburg, where he was severely wounded.

"He afterwards resumed the practice of law and soon attained a leading place in his profession. In the famous Jay Cook bankruptcy he was of counsel for the trustees, and he took a leading part in the litigation growing out of the Reading Railroad receiverships. He thus gained a high reputation for knowledge of corporation and commercial law.

"In 1906 he was appointed postmaster of Philadelphia. He had had no previous experience in administrative duties of this kind, but his versatile talent soon grasped the requirements of the office, and he proved an able and capable official, so that on the expiration of his four years' term he was reappointed by President Taft.

"Mr. Ashhurst possessed naturally a brilliant intellect, which had been highly cultivated by study and by extensive reading in all branches of literature. He was a lawyer of the old school, whose learning was based on a thorough knowledge of fundamental principles, while his alert and active mind kept him always abreast of the latest expositions of the law, and his remarkable memory enabled him to have his learning at ready command. He was an enthusiastic student of Shakespeare, and at the time of his death was Vice Dean of the Shakespeare Society of Philadelphia. While not a politician, he took a great interest in politics, and was an ardent Republican.

"Mr. Ashhurst was a man of most amiable disposition and cheerful temperament. His kind and sympathetic nature greatly endeared him to all his subordinates, both in public office and private life, and his open-handed generosity was well known.

"In his later years he was a great sufferer, and a severe illness, which occurred last autumn, left him quite feeble and infirm; but he bore his suffering most patiently, and his cheerfulness never abated.

"He had suffered severe bereavement in the untimely death of two sons, one of whom, Roger, had given promise of attaining distinction in his father's profession."

Mr. Ashhurst took an active interest in the Pennsylvania Bar Association, was Vice-President for the year 1896-1897, and at the annual meeting held in June, 1906, read a most interesting and valuable paper on Some Questions of Legal Ethics Suggested by the Life and Career of Lord Chancellor Bacon, Viscount St. Albans.

**Atkinson, David Shaw** (10th J. D., Westmoreland), born in 1838; died April 7, 1910. Admitted to the Bar 1868.

He was educated at Mount Pleasant College. He was descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry and of Revolutionary stock. He was an able practitioner and was at his best in the trial of a cause and before a jury. His flow of language, perception of the fine points in a case, and his fine delivery, approaching the old-time oratory, made him a formidable opponent. In the past twenty-five years he had been senior counsel in over forty homicide cases, and had also been counsel in many of the leading civil cases. At the time of his death and for a number of years before he was the President of the Westmoreland Law Association.

**Bailie, James W.** (5th J. D., Allegheny), born 1846; died October 16, 1910. Admitted to the Bar January 5, 1874.

Mr. Bailie was Vice-President of the First National Bank of McKeesport, was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of McKeesport for more than twenty-five years, and was also a member of the Board of Directors of the McKeesport Hospital.

**Beresford, Chas. W.** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born 1832; died February 17, 1911. Admitted to the Bar September 25, 1858.

He was a graduate of the Central High School, and read law in the office of Judge Joel Jones.

**Bartholomew, Horace B.** (21st J. D., Schuylkill), born 1865; died October 24, 1911.

He was a prominent member of the Schuylkill County Bar, and Vice-President of the Pennsylvania National Bank.

**Battle, Frank A.** (11th J. D., Luzerne), born ; died May 15, 1910. Admitted to the Bar .

**Biddle, Craig** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born January 10, 1823; died July 26, 1910. Admitted to the Bar, December 2, 1844.

He was a graduate of Princeton College. He was a son of Nicholas Biddle, who was President of the Bank of the United States from 1823 to 1841.

In 1849 he was elected to the Legislature of Pennsylvania. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was tendered the commission of major upon the staff of General Robert Patterson, seeing service in the Valley of the Shenandoah. He was afterwards appointed to the staff of the Governor, in which position he organized a number of regiments for the war. At the close of the war he resumed his law practice, and later served as United States Commissioner. On the resignation of Judge Paxson from the Common Pleas Bench, Governor Hartranft appointed Judge Biddle to fill the vacancy, and in the ensuing fall he was elected for the full term. For sixteen years he was President Judge of Common Pleas No. 3, of Philadelphia. After he left the Bench he was made Prothonotary of Court of Common Pleas in 1907, and rarely missed a day at his office in the City Hall. His country house at Andalusia is a fine old mansion in Colonial style of architecture, and was the home of his father, Nicholas Biddle. It has been in the possession of the Biddle family since 1796. Judge Biddle was greatly thought of by the entire Bar. He was possessed of a keen sense of humor, but he never thrust his wit upon those who could not retaliate or respond if of a mind and disposition

to do so. On the Bench and in his intercourse with the Bar he was always fair, honorable and gentlemanly, and commanded the respect of all who were brought in contact with him.

**Birch, Thomas Fleming** (27th J. D., Washington), born at Claysville, Washington County, Pa., May 18, 1856; and died at Washington, Pa., January 12, 1911.

Mr. Birch received an English education in the public schools of his native town, which he subsequently supplemented by a course in Washington and Jefferson College. He was admitted to the Bar of Washington County on June 14, 1880, and from that time until his death was an active and prominent figure in the courts of Washington County.

**Brayton, McKnight M.** (23d J. D., Berks), born September 30, 1855; died July 9, 1910, in the 55th year of his age.

Graduated from the Reading High School in 1872, and from Amherst College in 1876, he was admitted to the Berks County Bar November 12, 1878. Relinquishing practice in 1881, he became connected with the Mount Penn Stove Works, a large manufacturing industry, of which he was for many years Secretary and Treasurer, and at the time of his death the President. He was an energetic and successful man of business, and of most exemplary personal character.

**Brown, Adam Mercer** (5th J. D., Allegheny), born August 3, 1826; died August 17, 1910. Admitted to the Bar June 3, 1853.

Major Brown was a native of Butler County, Pa. During his more than eighty-four years of life, by reason of his ability and integrity, he occupied a prominent place in the legal and political affairs of Pittsburgh. The Allegheny County Bar Association paid tribute to his memory

at a largely attended memorial meeting held October 28, 1910. He attended the Butler Academy and later received private instructions in Pittsburgh. He first took up the study of medicine, but after being admitted to practice, took up the study of law. After his admission to the Bar he was associated with Thomas M. Marshall, Esq., which continued until 1865. In 1869 he formed a partnership with John S. Lambie, Esq., which continued until Mr. Lambie's death. He gained his military title by reason of his connection for many years with the Washington Battalion of the National Guard. Major Brown was a member of the Pittsburgh Select Council for three years, and was Chairman of the Allegheny County Republican Committee, and was a delegate to the National Convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln in 1864 and Grant and Colfax in 1868. He refused to accept a seat on the Allegheny County Bench, and in 1874 also declined a nomination as Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh. In 1873 he was one of the organizers of the Anchor Savings Bank, later becoming its President, which office he held until his death. He was also an officer of the Cash Insurance Company, a director in the Odd Fellows' Savings Bank and a director of the Dispatch Publishing Company. He was an elder in the First United Presbyterian Church for fifty years, and also served as President of the Board of Trustees for many years. Major Brown was appointed to the office of Recorder of the City of Pittsburgh on May 6, 1901, by Governor William A. Stone, and served until November 25, 1901.

**Bull, Cornelius** (43d J. D., Pike), born ;  
died December 7, 1910.

**Chase, Thomas Jerome** (11th J. D., Luzerne), born May 26, 1844; died September 17, 1910. Admitted to the Bar November 12, 1866.



**Codman, George D.** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born , 1872; died March 21, 1911. Admitted to the Bar in 1897.

He was a graduate of Rugby Academy and of the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

**Comfort, John C.** (12 J. D., Dauphin), born 1839; died November 17, 1910.

**Davis, W. W. H.** (7th J. D., Bucks), born July 27, 1820; died December 26, 1910.

After his admission to the Bar he gave further attention to his law studies by taking a course in the Harvard Law School. He served in the Mexican War, and on his return home he began the practice of the law in 1848. In 1853 he was appointed United States District Attorney for New Mexico by President Pierce. He afterwards became Attorney-General, Secretary of the Territory, Governor, Superintendent of Indian Affairs and Superintendent of Public Buildings. While District Attorney he rode the circuit in the spring of 1854, a thousand miles on horseback. Considering his varied and valuable services to the State and nation and the community in which he lived, it is fitting that the following record of his writings should be given.

Of his books that will long perpetuate his memory, the following are given in the order in which they were published: "El Gringo, or New Mexico and Her People," 1856; "History of the 104th Pennsylvania Regiment," 1866; "History of the Hart Family," 1867; "Life of General John Lacey," 18—; "Spanish Conquest of New Mexico," 1869; "History of Bucks County," 1876; "History of Doylestown Guards," 188—; "Life of John Davis," 188—; "The Fries Rebellion," 1898; "History of Bucks County," second edition, revised and enlarged, 2 volumes, 19—; "Doylestown, Old and New," 1904.

Few men have held as many responsible civil and military offices as he, and discharged the duties connected therewith as faithfully.

**Deshler, William H.** (31st J. D., Lehigh), born 1840; died October 25, 1910. Admitted to the Bar in 1862.

He was one of the oldest and most successful members of the Lehigh County Bar. He was a former Councilman, School Director, and also served as Water Commissioner.

**Dettra, Benjamin F.** (23d J. D., Berks), born July 4, 1845; died January 27, 1911, in the 66th year of his age.

Attended Washington Hall Collegiate Institute at Trappe, and subsequently taught school in Chester County. During the Civil War he served as a private in Company I, 129th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He came to Reading in 1870 and was admitted to the Berks County Bar, April 12, 1875. He was a member of the City Councils, County School and City Solicitor, and member of the Reading Board of Health. He was a most industrious and painstaking lawyer, and had a large practice.

**Edwards, Albert J.** (5th J. D., Allegheny), born June 16, 1858; died December 10, 1910. Admitted to the Bar June 14, 1890.

Mr. Edwards was a native of Armstrong County, Pa. In 1882 he was appointed Deputy Collector of the Internal Revenue. In 1889 he was appointed Special Agent of the Eleventh Census, and in 1890 was made Assistant Postmaster of Pittsburgh. For nine years he was Assistant District Attorney of Allegheny County. He served several terms in the Pittsburgh Council and was President of the Select branch. He took an active interest in politics and served as President of the Pennsylvania State League of Republican Clubs.



**Elliot, Frank S.** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born 1860; died May 19, 1911. Admitted to the Bar June 17, 1882.

Mr. Elliot graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1887. He was also a graduate of the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and while taking his law course was a registered student in the law firm of Wiltbank & Reed. On his admission to the Bar he entered into partnership with Alfred D. Wiler, Esq. Their line of work was largely in real estate, and their operations, especially in West Philadelphia, were extensive and successful. Mr. Elliot was one of the best authorities on baseball in the country, and at the time of his death was Vice-President of the Philadelphia Baseball Club.

**Erdman, Constantine J.** (3rd J. D., Allentown), born September 4, 1846; died January 15, 1911. Admitted to the Bar in 1867.

He graduated with honors from Pennsylvania College in 1865. He was a leading member of the Lehigh County Bar, a former District Attorney of the county, and served two terms in Congress from the 13th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. As a member of the 54th Congress he introduced the "Erdman Act."

As a Federal statute there are few whose requirements convey such direct influence in the settlement of any labor troubles within its scope. During the past years the Erdman Act has been successfully invoked not only in the settlement of matured labor troubles, but it is well remembered that it was the Erdman Act alone which saved the country from one of the most extensive strikes in the West last summer. Even though all else that Mr. Erdman ever accomplished through his many years of active and useful service be waived aside, the Erdman Act alone would serve to ever keep fresh his memory in the minds of a grateful people. He was also instrumental in checking what he con-

sidered a dangerous flow of pension bills introduced in Congress as special bills.

Mr. Erdman was in 1877 adjutant of the 4th Regiment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, and during the labor riots of 1877 had his collar-bone broken in a fusillade of stones by the strikers.

He was President of the Allen Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the Allentown and Coopersburg Turnpike Company, and for years of the Coplay Cement Company. He was also County Solicitor for a number of years.

**Flanders, Henry** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born February 13, 1826; died March 4, 1911. Admitted to the Bar May 28, 1853.

He was educated at Kimball Academy, New Hampshire, and Newberry Seminary, Vermont. He was a lecturer in the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the Commission for the Collation of the Acts of Assembly of Pennsylvania from 1700 to 1809.

Mr. Flanders was a practitioner of the old school, and was noted for his courteous and gentlemanly manners. Aside from his practice he found time for legal and general literary work, and was the author of a work on "Maritime Law," 1852; "The Law of Shipping," 1854; "Lives of the Chief Justices of the United States," 1858-1881; "Memoirs of Cumberland," 1856; "Exposition of the Constitution of the United States," 1860-1904; "The Law of Fire Insurance," 1871-1874, and "Adventures of a Virginian," 1881. By his pen he had well discharged the debt every man is presumed to owe to his profession.

**Gendell, J. Howard** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born in 1844; died November 12, 1910. Admitted to the Bar October 21, 1865.

In 1878 he was appointed Assistant City Solicitor, and in 1907 was appointed special assistant to John L. Kinsēy,

and on Mr. Kinsey's elevation to the Bench, Councils elected Mr. Gendell to succeed him, and in the following February, 1908, he was elected to the office of City Solicitor, which he held until the time of his death. He was a good lawyer and discharged the duties of his office with ability and fidelity.

**Gerhard, John S.** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born December 24, 1845; died May 2, 1911.

He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1865. He was also a graduate from the Law Department of the University in the class of 1867, and on November 16th of the same year was admitted to the Philadelphia Bar. Mr. Gerhard was the son of Benjamin Gerhard, a noted Philadelphia attorney, and a grandson of Hon. John Sergeant. Mr. Gerhard was associated in practice with his son, Albert P. Gerhard, who survives him.

Mr. Gerhard had a lucrative practice and conducted it on the lines of the old school, following the traditions of a family of lawyers of which he was an honorable and worthy successor, their office being one of the oldest in continued succession of the Philadelphia Bar. Mr. Gerhard was a careful practitioner, affable and kindly in manner, and highly esteemed by his brethren of the Bar and by the community.

**Gilpin, Washington H.** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born February 2, 1844; died March 5, 1911. Admitted to the Bar April 7, 1866.

He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1864. Mr. Gilpin enlisted as a private in an emergency regiment that was sent to the battle of Gettysburg. He became greatly interested in military affairs, and entered the 1st Regiment of N. G. P. a private, and retired from the service with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He was a brother of Hood Gilpin.

**Gilpin, Hood** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born October 19, 1853; died September 13, 1910. Admitted to the Bar in 1874.

In 1875 he was appointed Assistant United States District Attorney, and continued in office until 1885. Mr. Gilpin was the son of Charles Gilpin, a prominent member of the older Bar of Philadelphia, and one of the early Mayors of the city. He was a descendant of Joseph Gilpin, the founder of the family in America, who came from Dorchester, Oxfordshire, and settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1695. Mr. Gilpin was a good lawyer and a highly respected citizen.

**Gordon, Cyrus** (46th J. D., Clearfield), born December 1, 1846; died March 10, 1911.

Cyrus Gordon was born near Hecla Furnace, Centre County, and entered the Sophomore Class of State College in 1864, from which institution he graduated in 1866. He was later connected with the institution as tutor and took a post-graduate course. In 1867-69 he took a law course at the Michigan University, Ann Arbor, and was at the same time registered as a law student in the office of former Judge Samuel Linn, of the Bellefonte Bar. He was admitted to the Bar in Centre County in 1869, and in November, 1870, located at Clearfield and was admitted to the Bar. Shortly after his admission to the Bar he formed a partnership with Thomas H. Murray in the practice of law, under the firm name of Murray & Gordon, and this partnership existed until January 1, 1894, when Judge Gordon went upon the Bench of this district, then, as now, composed of Clearfield County, having been elected November, 1893, defeating Judge David L. Krebs for re-election. Judge Gordon completed the full term of ten years, retiring January 1, 1904, since which time he practiced law in Clearfield in partnership with Harry Boulton. He also held a position as general counsel of the State Pure Food Department.

Judge Gordon was an able lawyer, possessed of a keen, clear, analytical mind, which enabled him as a jurist to solve the most intricate legal propositions with which he was confronted with great ability and promptness. As a citizen he was broad-minded and public-spirited, which characteristics naturally led him to the front as a leader in the general business and political affairs of his county.

His home life, as a devoted, loving and indulgent husband and father, was particularly blessed and happy. He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church and an active Sunday-school worker. In the death of Judge Gordon, following so closely the death of his contemporary, Judge Krebs, and while yet apparently in the prime of life, was a great loss to the community in which he spent the active years of his life. Judge Gordon was a charter member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

**Goodman, William M.** (23d J. D., Berks), born December 10, 1836; died March 1, 1911, in his 75th year. Admitted to the Berks County Bar August 13, 1864.

He was a member of the Board of Auditors of the City of Reading, 1866-1869; was District Attorney of Berks County, 1878-1881, and subsequently member of the Reading Board of School Controllers. He had been for some years retired from active practice.

**Green, Horace P.** (32d J. D., Delaware), born in Edgmont, Delaware County, Pa., June 11, 1854; died April 4, 1911, at Media, Pa. Admitted to the Delaware County Bar June 9, 1879. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and of the Delaware County Bar Association.

He studied law with Hon. John M. Broomall and later was associated in law practice with V. Gilpin Robinson, Esq., at Media; afterwards practiced law alone and until his son, Ernest LeRoy Green, Esq., a graduate of Swarth-

more College and of the University of Pennsylvania, was admitted to the Bar, when a partnership was formed in the practice between father and son.

He was Vice-President of the Media Title and Trust Company, and had been a member of the Media Borough Council and of the Media School Board for a number of years.

Mr. Green was an active and able man in his professional work and practice, and in the affairs of the community in which he lived.

**Grayson, F. W., Jr.** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born 1853; died September 20, 1910. Admitted to the Bar June 28, 1878.

**Graham, Duncan M.** (9th J. D., Cumberland), son of former Judge James H. Graham, born November 20, 1855; died suddenly February 27, 1911. He was graduated from Dickinson College in 1873, and admitted to the Bar in 1876.

**Hall, James W.** (5th J. D., Allegheny), born December 23, 1825; died April 2, 1911. Admitted to the Bar December 16, 1852.

Mr. Hall was a native of Allegheny County, and following his graduation from Meadville, Pa., Allegheny College, taught the county school at Noblestown until 1850, when he began the practice of law. He was prominent in the municipal circles of the old City of Allegheny during the Civil War, and was quite active in relief and commissary work for the soldiers. He was one of the founders of the North Avenue M. E. Church, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. In recent years he lived, during the summer, on his farm at Baden, in Beaver County.



**Halsey, Gaius Leonard** (11th J. D., Luzerne), born February 16, 1845; died February 16, 1911. Admitted to the Bar September 9, 1872.

In the history of Luzerne County, Judge Halsey holds an illustrious place. From a standpoint of knowledge he was in the foremost ranks. As a student he had few equals. As a lawyer he was a shining success, and as a Judge he was the personification of brilliancy, fairness and nobleness. In his practice of law he feigned no untruths. To one and all he met the issue from the standpoint of equality and dealt only with those things of life which an able, careful practitioner loves. As a member of the Bench he was loyal and steadfast. His sympathetic nature never swayed his sound judgment. He knew only the rights of others, and when they were at stake his duties were always plain. In his ten years or more in the service of the county he never once lost sight of the fact that he was a public servant. He made a good Judge because he tried to be an honest one. To-day his name is linked with those of the greatest Judges who have graced the county's Bench, and justly so.

**Hoffer, F. Harry** (9th J. D., Cumberland), born November 6, 1855; died suddenly March 29, 1911. He was graduated from Dickinson College in 1876, and admitted to the Bar in 1882.

**Hopper, Harry Shelmire** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born June 13, 1858; died April 6, 1911. Admitted to the Bar in 1878.

He graduated from the Central High School, June, 1875, and from the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1878. He was the Historian of the Alumni Association of the Central High School, and one of the managers of the Alumni of the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

**Hostetter, Abraham F.** (2d J. D., Lancaster), born in 1850; died June 14, 1911. He was a member of the State Bar Association.

**Huston, Joseph H.** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born in 1876; died August 7, 1910.

He graduated from the Central High School in 1895, and from the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1899.

**Johnson, William F.** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born January 9, 1837; died July 26, 1910. Admitted to the Bar in 1859.

**Johnston, Marshall** (5th J. D., Allegheny), born 1843; died June 4, 1910. Admitted to the Bar April 15, 1878.

Mr. Johnston was born in Beaver County, Pa., and was a member of the Allegheny County Bar for thirty-five years. Took an active interest in Republican politics and was an authority on corporation law. Enlisted first in the 102d Pennsylvania Infantry, and during the last three years of the Civil War was a member of the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was a member of Pittsburgh Councils for two years, an elder in the Third Presbyterian Church, Vice-President and director in the Citizens' Bank of Bellevue, Pa.

**Keator, John F.** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born April 16, 1850; died November 17, 1910. Admitted to the Bar in 1879.

He graduated from Yale College in 1877, and from the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1879. In 1896 he was active in the Business Men's League of Germantown in the interest of better politics, and was twice elected to the Legislature from the Germantown district. He was appointed attorney for the House in investigating the cause of the fire which destroyed the State Capitol.



**Kider, Elliot Pardee** (11th J. D., Luzerne), born August 1, 1845; died March 22, 1911. Admitted to the Bar August 16, 1869.

Mr. Kider was for years one of the leading men of Luzerne County, and was especially prominent in municipal and charitable affairs in Hazleton and vicinity, being active in movements for good government and in bettering the condition of the poor.

**Kline, M. C. L.**, (31st J. D., Lehigh), born March 26, 1855; died January 15, 1911. Admitted to the Bar in 1876.

He graduated from Muhlenberg Academy in 1874. He entered early into political life. He was elected City Solicitor of Allentown in 1877, District Attorney 1887-1890, elected to Congress in 1902, and continued in Congress two terms.

Mr. Kline was a man to make and hold friends. He was a conspicuous and striking man. Of gigantic build, erect and graceful stature, handsome as an Apollo, with every manly and physical quality most highly developed, he was a man to catch and hold attention. As an orator he was widely known, and his addresses upon various occasions were models of diction.

**Krebs, David Luther** (46th J. D., Clearfield), born October 5, 1846; died January 25, 1911.

Judge Krebs was born in Penns Valley, Centre County, Pa., and was educated at the Academy in Pine Grove, Centre County, and later took a course at an academy in Milton, Pa. He first came to Clearfield in the fall of 1864 to teach a country school near Clearfield, but his school term was interrupted by his enlisting in the army to take the place of an older brother, with a family, who had been drafted, and he served in the 98th Regiment, Pennsylvania Veterans, until mustered out by general order in 1865.

Upon leaving the army he spent a year in the oil region of Venango County, returning, however, to the occupation of teaching a school at Limestoneville, Montour County. In 1867 he returned to Bellefonte, Centre County, and read law with the late Judge Adam Hoy, and was admitted to the Bellefonte Bar, April 30, 1869. He then came to Clearfield and was admitted to the Clearfield Bar, May 26, 1869. In 1873 he entered into partnership with his father-in-law, Senator William A. Wallace, which partnership, under the name of Wallace & Krebs, continued until Judge Krebs was elected to the Bench of this district, composed of Clearfield County, the first Judge to hold that position after the county became a separate district. His service as Judge began January, 1884, and continued for the full term of ten years, retiring January, 1894, when he was succeeded by Judge Gordon. Retiring from the Bench, after ten years' experience, at the early age of forty-seven, and returning to the Bar, he succeeded in acquiring a very large practice, not only in Clearfield, but throughout different portions of the State, particularly in the line of cases involving mining operations and in cases involving railroad discrimination.

Judge Krebs' intellectual ability, his untiring industry and his force in the preparation of cases and as a trial lawyer, won for him a fame second to none in his profession in the State. As a Judge he was candid, fair-minded, courageous, tolerant and just. These characteristics carried respect for him among members of the Bar, and, coupled with his great industry and ability, made the judgments which he rendered highly respected in legal circles. His fame as a lawyer and Judge brought his name prominently as a candidate for the Supreme Bench before the Democratic convention of 1899, when Judge Mestrezat was finally nominated after a two or three days' struggle in convention.

He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church, and served for many years prior to and up until his death

as ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church of Clearfield. As in his public and professional life, so, also, in his home and social life, he was faithful and conscientious in every position of duty and trust devolving upon him. He was a charter member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

**Loveland, George** (11th J. D., Luzerne), born November 5, 1823; died June 12, 1910. Admitted to the Bar August 19, 1848.

**Lynch, John** (11th J. D., Luzerne), born November 1, 1843; died August 17, 1910. Admitted to the Bar November 20, 1865.

Mr. Lynch was a prominent member of the Luzerne Bar, and at one time served as Register of Wills of Luzerne County, and was also member of Congress. He was President Judge of Luzerne County at the time of his death.

**McCleave, Johns** (5th J. D., Allegheny), born August 3, 1853; died March 14, 1911. Admitted to the Bar May 11, 1881.

Mr. McCleave was educated at the University of West Virginia, the University of Maryland and the Harvard Law School. He first began the practice of law at Cumberland, Md., as a partner of Judge Hunter Boid, later Chief Justice of the Maryland Court of Appeals. He removed to Allegheny County about 1880, where he took a prominent place in legal circles. For nearly twenty years he was a partner of David T. Watson. At the time of his death he was said to have one of the most exclusive private libraries in the county, and as a connoisseur was widely known. His private art collection is alone said to have been valued at over \$100,000. He was a director in the Union National Bank, and was a member of the Duquesne and Pittsburgh Clubs.

**McGary, William H.** (5th J. D., Allegheny), born 1848; died August 7, 1910. Admitted to the Bar October 13, 1877.

Mr. McGary attended the University of Pittsburgh, and later graduated from the Ohio State and Union Law College in 1870. Practiced chiefly in the Criminal Courts and gained a reputation as a Democratic orator. Was a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Roman Catholic Church.

**Marks, Clinton Hayes** (11th J. D., Luzerne), born May 7, 1877; died January , 1911. Admitted to the Bar October 8, 1900.

He was educated in the public schools of his native township, Wyoming Seminary, Bloomsburg Normal School and Literary Institute and the Lock Haven Seminary.

**Meals, Samuel M.** (5th J. D., Allegheny), born in 1865; died April 16, 1911. Admitted to the Bar September 22, 1900.

Mr. Meals was a native of Washington Township, Butler County, Pa. He was educated at the public schools, and after his graduation from Grove City College in 1887 became a principal of public schools at Emlenton, Venango County, and later at Oakmont, in Allegheny County. He registered as a student at law with Judge John M. Greer, and was first admitted to the Bar in Butler County, and on September 22, 1900, went to the Allegheny County Bar and formed a partnership with Horace J. Thomas, Esq. The firm had among its clients many corporations and men interested in the oil business.

**Meily, Frank E.** (52d J. D., Lebanon), born in 1855; died October 2, 1910.

He graduated from Muhlenberg College. He was the first President Judge of Lebanon County. He was appointed to the Bench in 1892.

**Meredith, James L.** (29th J. D., Lycoming), born in 1839; died July 15, 1910. Admitted to the Bar in 1867.

**Meyer, J. Calvin** (49th J. D., Centre), born January 31, 1861; died April 15, 1911. Admitted to the Bar December 24, 1884.

Elected District Attorney in 1886 and re-elected in 1889, serving the two terms with credit and ability. In 1893 he was elected Burgess of Bellefonte. In 1908 he was chosen a member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and in 1910 was re-elected without opposition.

As a lawyer Mr. Meyer was a very successful practitioner and throughout his professional career had the full confidence of his large clientage. He was a very able trial lawyer, especially before a jury. His faculty to see the human side of a case gave him great strength in this regard, and he never lost sight of this very important feature either in preparation or in actual trial. At the counsel table he was alert and resourceful, not only in the presentation of his case as he had previously conceived it, but also in molding his case to meet the actual exigencies of trial. He had a pleasing presence, a fine command of language, aptness in the choice of words to express his thoughts, and earnestness, forcefulness and persuasiveness in their presentation. All of these qualities combined in making him a strong advocate and a formidable opponent. He was well grounded in the principles of the law, and in all matters of counsel and practice rendered to his clients the services of a fully equipped and efficient lawyer. Of a kindly and genial disposition, he was fair and straightforward in his dealings with his fellow-members of the Bar, and amply fulfilled all his duties both to the Court and to his clients.

**Nicolls, Frederick J.** (23d J. D., Berks), born February 7, 1870; died May 16, 1911. Admitted to the Bar November 11, 1895.

He was the son of Gustavus A. Nicolls, for many years general superintendent of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. He graduated from Harvard University in 1892 with especial distinction in literature, and read law in the office of his brother-in-law, the late Henry A. Muhlenberg, Esq. While a student he contributed to various magazines and delivered a series of lectures in the University Extension course on history, political economy and kindred subjects. Upon his admission to the Bar he became a champion of municipal reform, and lent valuable professional service to a local organization for the protection of the public interests. He served for three years as solicitor of the Reading School District.

Mr. Nicolls was an assiduous student of the law, and devoted himself with unremitting energy to its practice, rapidly attaining to a position of leadership of the junior Bar. He was of exact business habits, extremely painstaking in the preparation of his cases and equally tenacious in their presentation. He was a most conscientious counselor and courageous advocate, and possessed in a marked degree the confidence of Court and client. As a man and citizen he stood deservedly high in the public estimation.

**Ommeren, John Von** (7th J. D., Bucks), born December 8, 1853; died June 10, 1910. Admitted to the Bar December 18, 1891.

He was a good lawyer, had a lucrative practice, and the confidence of his clients and the community in which he lived.



**Pennypacker, C. H.** (15th J. D., Chester), born April 16, 1845; died April 3, 1911. Admitted to the Bar 1870.

He was educated at the West Chester Academy and Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N. H. He was Chief Burgess of West Chester from 1903 to 1906.

**Pinkerton, John J.** (15th J. D., Chester), born 1836; died November 30, 1910.

He was educated at Williams College, Massachusetts. After his admission to the Bar he was associated with Hon. Wayne MacVeagh at West Chester. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1873. He was a trustee of the West Chester State Normal School for many years, and for some time the President of the Board. He was an active worker in the First Presbyterian Church of West Chester. He was counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and was solicitor for the Borough of West Chester.

**Plank, Charles M.** (23d J. D., Berks), born in Reading, May 21, 1860; died September 17, 1910, in the 51st year of his age. Graduated from the Reading High School in 1876. Admitted to the Berks County Bar November 22, 1880.

He was Assistant City Solicitor and solicitor for the Reading School District; later became Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for the Berks District. He was for many years active in politics, Chairman of the Republican County Committee and delegate to several Republican State Conventions and to the Republican National Convention of 1896. He was a skillful lawyer and forceful political orator.

**Powell, George Kelsey** (11th J. D., Luzerne), born June 10, 1845; died January 13, 1911. Admitted to the Bar June 12, 1871.

For many years he was a prominent member of the Luzerne Bar, never held any political office, and was at the time of his death President of the Luzerne County National Bank.

**Rawle, Francis William** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born September 22, 1873; died June 12, 1911. Admitted to the Bar in 1898.

He was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy and graduated from Williams College in 1895. He attended both Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania Law Schools and received the degree of LL.B. from each. For several years he was associated with his uncle, Francis Rawle, Esq., and later, in 1900, entered the office of William Brooke Rawle, Esq., and continued with him until his death. The office was founded by his great-grandfather, William Rawle, in 1783, and has continued in unbroken succession to our own times. Mr. Rawle, though a comparatively young man, was recognized by those who knew as a sound and able lawyer, painstaking and conscientious in the discharge of his professional duties, and a gentleman of most engaging and attractive personality.

**Roddy, George Black** (12th J. D., Dauphin), born 1862; died September 6, 1910.

Graduated at Princeton College. He also studied abroad. He was a man of scholarly attainments.

**Schell, William P., Jr.** (5th J. D., Allegheny), born June 24, 1849; died September 2, 1910. Admitted to the Bar November 6, 1872.

Mr. Schell was a native of Bedford, Pa. His father was a lawyer, and Auditor-General of Pennsylvania from 1878 to 1881. Graduated from Princeton in 1870.



**Spackman, Samuel** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born  
; died March, 1911.

He had been residing abroad for several years, and died at Florence, Italy.

**Stone, Levy Parsons** (5th J. D., Allegheny), born August 15, 1831; died October 30, 1910. Admitted to the Bar May 18, 1858.

Mr. Stone was a native of Cabot, Vt., and had been a resident of Allegheny County since 1856.

**Sturdevant, Edward Warren** (11th J. D., Luzerne), born November 12, 1854; died April 2, 1911. Admitted to the Bar June 11, 1877.

**Taylor, Franklin** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born December 17, 1820; died September 10, 1910. Admitted to the Bar June 11, 1844.

He was educated at Princeton University, and at the time of his death one of its oldest graduates.

**Uhler, Irwin S.** (3d J. D., Northampton), born  
; died December 18, 1910. Admitted to the Bar in 1886.

**Wolverton, Simon P.** (8th J. D., Northumberland), born January 28, 1837; died October 25, 1910. Admitted to the Bar April, 1862.

He graduated from Lewisburg University in 1860. In 1862 and 1863 he served as captain of an emergency regiment which he organized to resist the Confederate invasion of the State. In 1878 he was elected to the State Senate as a Democrat, and re-elected in 1880 and in 1884, although the district was Republican. In 1890 he was elected to Congress on the Democratic ticket, and was re-elected in

1892. He was offered an appointment to the Bench of the Supreme Court by Governor Stone, but declined to accept.

Mr. Wolverton was for many years one of the counsel for the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, and was recognized throughout the State as one of the ablest lawyers in Pennsylvania.

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**Anders, Jacob H.** (1st J. D., Philadelphia), born 1833; died June 17, 1911. Admitted to the Bar October 13, 1866.

He graduated from the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1864.